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SUBJECT: TEHRAN CANCELLATION OF HOSTING IFAD PREPARATORY COMMISSION
MEETING, APRIL 4-9

REF: TEHRAN 1420

1. SECRETARIAT OF PREPARATORY COMMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL FUND
FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD) RECEIVED INFORMATION OF IRAN'S
WITHDRAWAL OF ITS INVITATION TO THE APRIL 4-9 MEETING OF THE
PREPARATORY COMMISSION OF IFAD LATE MORNING FEBRUARY 15 BY
TELEPHONE CALL FROM TEHRAN TO IFAD PREPARATORY COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AZIZ BY IRANIAN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO
FAO MANSURI. MANSURI REFERRED TO DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM THE
IRANIAN NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS, BUT SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS ALL THE
CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED FULLY WHEN HE RETURNED TO ROME.

2. U.S. REPRESENTATIVES TO FAO INFORMED GENEVA GROUP IN ROME
FEBRUARY 15 OF U.S. INFORMATION ON CANCELLATION BECAUSE OF INTEREST
OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS, CAUTIONING THAT ANY BROAD-
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CASTING OF INFORMATION SHOULD COME FROM IFAD SECRETARIAT OR
IRANIAN GOVERNMENT.

3. IFAD PREPARATORY COMMISSION EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AZIZ AFTERNOON
OF FEBRUARY 16 SAID HE WAS MAKING PLANS TO SET UP MEETING AT SAME
TIME IN ROME, BUT DID NOT PLAN FOR THE MOMENT TO INFORM MEMBER
COUNTRIES. INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE APPEARED ON ROME STANDS

IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER, WITH STORY FROM TEHRAN THAT SHAH IS
CANCELLING MEETING BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA
AND IRAN ON OIL PRICES, AND HIS OPPOSITION TO SAUDI ARABIAN
CHAIRING IFAD MEETING IN TEHRAN.

4. U.S., U.K., SWEDISH, AND SAUDI ARABIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO
FAO ARE MEETING INFORMALLY EVENING OF FEBRUARY 16 WITH CHAIRMAN
OF GROUP 77, AMBASSADOR RODRIGO OF SRI LANKA TO TALK ABOUT
GROUP 77 VIEWS ON SEVERAL UPCOMING MEETINGS, AND CHANGE OF IFAD
PREPARATORY COMMISSION MEETING WILL OF COURSE ARISE. WE DO NOT
PLAN TO ANALYZE SITUATION BEYOND SHIFTING MEETING PLANS FROM
TEHRAN TO ROME UNTIL SITUATION IS FURTHER CLARIFIED.BEAUDRY

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